

## NOTICES OF RULEMAKING DOCKET OPENINGS

The Administrative Procedure Act (APA) requires the publication of Notices of Rulemaking Docket Opening whenever an agency opens a rulemaking docket to consider rulemaking. Under the APA effective January 1, 1995, agencies must submit a Notice of Rulemaking Docket Opening before beginning the formal rulemaking process.

### NOTICE OF RULEMAKING DOCKET OPENING

#### DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

1. **Title and its heading:** 2, Administration  
**Chapter and its heading:** 5, Department of Administration - Personnel Administration  
**Article and its heading:** 3, Classification and Compensation  
**Section number:** R2-5-303
2. **Subject matter of the proposed rules:**  
The proposed rulemaking establishes a reduction in pay for a voluntary grade decrease in the amounts of 2.5% for a one-grade increase, 5.0% for a two-grade increase, and 10% for a three-grade-or-more increase.
3. **A citation to all published notices relating to the proceeding:**  
None published.
4. **Name and address of agency personnel with whom persons may communicate regarding the rule:**  
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5. **The time during which written submissions may be made and the time and place where oral comments may be made:**  
The Department will accept written comments Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.  
The Department will accept oral comments Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the location listed above.
6. **A timetable for agency decisions or other action in the proceeding:**  
January 21, 1997

### NOTICE OF RULEMAKING DOCKET OPENING

#### DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY

1. **Title and its heading:** 6, Economic Security  
**Chapter and its heading:** 5, Department of Economic Security - Social Services  
**Article and their headings:** 66, Adoption Services  
70, Adoption Agency Licensing  
**Section numbers:** R6-5-6611, R6-5-6619, R6-5-7005, and R6-5-7006.
2. **Subject matter of the proposed rules:**  
In January 1996, the Department of Economic Security promulgated new rules governing adoption services and adoption services and adoption agency licensing. Recently, several adoption agencies petitioned the Department to amend 2 rules in Article 66 which have been burdensome to the agencies. The 2 rules govern the time for conducting a pre-consent informative conference with a birth parent and the number of placement monitoring visits before the adoption is finalized. The Department plans to amend these rules to give agencies greater flexibility regarding the time for holding the pre-consent conference and the frequency of post-placement monitoring visits  
The Department also plans to amend the rules in Article 70 to adopt licensing time frames as required by A.R.S. § 41-1073.
3. **A citation to all published notices relating to the proceeding:**  
None published.

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**5. The time during which written submissions may be made and the time and place where oral comments may be made:**

A person may submit written comments from the present until the close of record, which has not yet been scheduled.

The Department has not scheduled oral proceedings, but will do so if 5 or more persons request oral proceedings after the Department files proposed rules.

**6. A timetable for agency decisions or other action in the proceeding:**

The Department expects to file a proposed rulemaking package by January 1997.